

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Summary Activities

Calls for Service	25,203
Alarms	1,914
Citations	8,183
Medical Service Calls	1,313
Accidents	1,133
Arrests	375
Hearings/Summonses	513
Traffic Enforcement Posts	1,830

Personnel

The Police Department has a present complement of 62 full-time employees, allocated and performing in the following positions: Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, 3 Lieutenants, 6 Sergeants, 35 Police Officers, 1 Animal Control Officer, 11 Public Safety Dispatchers, 2 Secretaries, 1 Clerk, and 2 Custodians. Three of the 35 Police Officers positions are currently vacant and unfunded.

Significant Activities

The following events of significance occurred during the past year:

1. Steven Atwood and Robert Gallagher transferred to Wellesley from the Maynard Police Department. James Scopa transferred from the Rockport Police Department. These officers were police academy graduates and were assigned directly to field duty. Dawn Mich, Meaghan Powers and Ted Whitney were appointed as police officers. They attended the basic recruit police academy and were subsequently assigned to field duty.
2. The 9th Citizen Police Academy Class was held in the Kingsbury Room at the Wellesley Police Department. The 6th annual open house, held during Wellesley Weekend, was a great success. The dedication of the Police Memorial Statue which honors officers who have fallen in the line of duty and the Wall of Honor which recognizes all officers who have served the department was also held during Wellesley Weekend. Several retired officers as well as present members of the police department attended the dedication.
3. The Department continued its participation in the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council, a consortium of 43 area law enforcement agencies. Chief Cunningham serves as First Vice President. Two patrol officers serve on the Regional Response Team, one detective serves on the Cybercrime Unit and one dispatcher works in the Mobile Command Post during Metro-LEC operations.
4. Detectives continue to participate in regional narcotics enforcement with the NORPAC Task Force. This year the task force received federal funding for the 17th consecutive year.

5. The Department was awarded a state grant to support its Community Policing initiatives. The department also received a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau to participate in the Click It or Ticket Campaign aimed at increasing seatbelt compliance.
6. A hands-on training session was held for all new officers for the safe resolution of critical incidents. This training seminar was organized and conducted by Officer Jeremiah Donovan and Sergeant Glen Gerrans.
7. The department continued its work with other town departments as part of Wellesley's Local Emergency Planning Committee, and participated in a mock disaster drill with the Fire Department, DPW, School Department, Health Department and several other entities.
8. Police officers attended in-service training in topics such as criminal law, motor vehicle law, CPR, officer survival, use of force, and firearms. Public safety dispatchers attended training in fire dispatch, hazardous materials, and other related topics.
9. Several members of the department attended a safe driving course provided by Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association.
10. The Department received new equipment that did not require the spending of tax revenue. A new Lidar Unit, worth over \$ 3,000.00, was purchased with state grant funds. The Lidar Unit is used for speed enforcement by officers in patrol.
11. Police officers and detectives continued to participate in programs aimed at curbing adolescent alcohol abuse. Detective Scott Showstead and Sergeant Jeffrey Renzella, spoke to sophomore health classes at Wellesley High School on the topic of drug and alcohol abuse. The Deputy Chief and Officer Spencer collaborated with the Youth Commission in conducting a Teen Alcohol Forum.
12. The Wellesley Police Department has continued in its efforts to further the community policing efforts within the Wellesley community. These efforts include expansion of the role of the community bicycle patrol, continuation of the civilian police academy, and an ongoing evaluation of existing community policing initiatives.

In closing, in my capacity as the Chief of Police, I would like to express my appreciation to the community for the support and assistance that the Police Department and its staff have received during the last year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terrence M. Cunningham
Chief of Police